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DURHAM, N.H. – The New Hampshire Educational Opportunity Association (NHEOA) recently awarded four scholarships to deserving New Hampshire students who participate in one of the state's federally funded TRIO educational opportunity programs according to Debbie McCann, president of NHEOA.

This year, the Association awarded one scholarship to a college level student and three to high school students who will be attending college in the fall.

The scholarship winners:

- Dawn McFadden of Derry who attends New Hampshire Community Technical College in Manchester and participates in their Student Support Services program.
- Brandon Laurion of Rochester who attends Spaulding High School and participates in the Educational Talent Search Program.
- Casey Raasumaa of Farmington who attends Farmington High School and participates in the Educational Talent Search Program.
- Holly Wilkes of Manchester who attends West High School and participates in the University of New Hampshire's Upward Bound program.

NHEOA fosters and promotes educational opportunity within the state. Student scholarships are part of that mission.

TRIO programs, established by the U.S. Congress in 1965, promote educational equality and provide educational opportunity to all citizens regardless of race, ethnic background or economic circumstance.

The University of New Hampshire is home to four TRIO programs: Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search, Student Support Services and the McNair Graduate Program.

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